

Lawrence Cafero

Biography

First elected to serve the 142 nd Assembly District in 1992, Larry Cafero is now serving his seventh term as State Representative for Norwalk.

In 1996, the House Republican leader tapped Larry as Deputy House Minority Leader for the state House of Representatives where he helps set the legislative agenda and formulates Republican positions on pending legislation. He has served the House Republican caucus in this capacity ever since.

In addition to his leadership role in the House, Larry is a member of the General Assembly's Appropriations, Judiciary, Legislative Management, and Labor and Public Employees Committees. He also represents the Connecticut General Assembly on the Labor and Workforce Development Committee of the National Council of State Legislatures.

A recognized leader in the field of education, Larry was appointed by Governor John G. Rowland to serve on the Educational Improvement Panel to develop legislative responses to the Sheff v. O'Neill school desegregation decision. Larry also served as the Ranking Republican House member of the Education Committee and as a member of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

In the 2006 Legislative session Larry has sponsored legislation to ensure refills for prescription narcotics do not fall into the wrong hands (HB 5681), a constitutional amendment ensuring adequate funding of the Teacher Retirement system (HJ 4), and to provide financial assistance to nursing students to help end the nursing shortage (HB 5200) among others.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, Larry has authored legislation toughening the state's drunk driving laws and stiffening the penalty against those who use 'date-rape' drugs to commit sexual assaults.

In addition to his leadership responsibilities at the State Capitol, Larry remains active on the local level, as an expulsion officer for the Norwalk Public School system, and a member of both the St. Ann's Club and the Exchange Club. He is a former board member of the Side-by-Side Community Charter School and a former member and Chairman of the Norwalk Board of Education.

Larry is a graduate of Norwalk High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Connecticut and earned his J.D. from Western New England College School of Law. He is a partner with the law firm of Brown, Rudnick, of Hartford.